

September 15, 2010

ITEM NO. B2

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH B.E.T.O.N.
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR EXTERIOR MASONRY WORK AT
ARMOUR SQUARE APARTMENTS (IL2-033)**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a contract with B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company in the amount of \$138,800.00 for exterior masonry work at Armour Square Apartments (IL-033), 3250 S. Wentworth Ave. Work is to be completed within sixty (60) calendar days of the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed.

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

Funding: General Fund

Specification No: 10 - 00567

Vendor: B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company
5097 N. Elston Ave., Suite 305
Chicago, IL 60630

Contract Type: Construction

Contract Amount: \$138,800.00

Number of Vendors Solicited: 562

(including 167 MBE/WBE/DBE Firms)

Assist Agencies: 73

Number of Pick-Ups: 38

(including 37 downloads from BuySpeed)

Number of Bids Received: 2

Contract Time: Sixty (60)

calendar days from
the date set forth in the
Notice to Proceed

Date Advertised:

July 15, 2010

Pre-Bid Conference:

July 19, 2010

Site Visit:

July 19, 2010

Addendum No. 1 issued:

July 21, 2010

Addendum No. 2 issued:

July 26, 2010

Date Bids Opened:

August 3, 2010

Advertisement Publication(s):

CHA Website

BuySpeed Online

M/W/DBE Participation:

Direct MBE _____% WBE 100% DBE _____%

Indirect MBE _____% WBE _____% DBE _____%

Waiver _____ (Yes/No)

Section 3:

Hiring # 1 Subcontracting \$ _____ Other Economic Opportunities \$ _____

GENERAL BACKGROUND

As part of the Capital Improvement Program, the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) solicited bids for general and masonry contractors to perform exterior masonry work at Armour Square Apartments (IL-033), 3250 S. Wentworth Ave. Masonry and pre-cast concrete panels will be removed and replaced around the entire circumference of the building. The work is to be completed within sixty (60) calendar days of the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed.

PROCUREMENT HISTORY

The CHA advertised Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 10 – 0567 on July 15, 2010 for exterior masonry work at Armour Square Apartments (IL2-033). Work will be performed at 3250 S. Wentworth Ave.

The IFB was advertised on the CHA website and on BuySpeed. The Department of Procurement and Contracts further directly notified five hundred sixty two (562) contractors of the solicitation's release, which included one hundred sixty-seven (167) certified MBE, WBE or DBE firms. Information on the solicitation was also made available to seventy-three (73) assist agencies.

The Pre-bid meeting and Site Visit were held on July 19, 2010. The CHA issued Addendum No. 1 on July 21, 2010, which clarified that contractors with mason's licenses as well as a general contractor's licenses were eligible to bid on this solicitation. Addendum No. 2 was issued on July 26, 2010 to respond to Requests for Information, move the bid due date to August 3, 2010, issue two (2) replacement sections for the Technical Specifications, and distribute a revised version of the BF pages.

The CHA received and opened two (2) bids on August 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. from licensed masonry contractors certified as WBE businesses.

After reviewing the bid submittal materials, the Department of Procurement and Contracts and the Capital Construction Department held pre-award survey meetings with both of the contractors that had submitted bids. Each firm responded to questions on the thoroughness of its bid and its capacity to perform this work. Particular emphasis was placed on the need to meet the sixty (60) calendar day timeline to avoid possible complications which could arise if work extended into the cold weather season.

Based on its submitted bid, the Department of Procurement and Contracts has determined that B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company ("B.E.T.O.N.") is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at \$138,800.00. While B.E.T.O.N. has not previously performed work for the CHA as a prime contractor, it is acting as the masonry sub-contractor for the renovation of the Hoyne Community Center. B.E.T.O.N. has also done extensive work for the Chicago Public Schools.

Based on the foregoing, it is in the CHA's best interest for the Board of Commissioners to authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a contract with B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company in the amount of \$138,800.00 for exterior masonry work at Armour square Apartments (IL2-33), 3250 S. Wentworth Ave. Work is to be completed within sixty (60) calendar days of the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed.

This award is subject to the Contractor's compliance with the CHA's MBE/WBE/DBE, Section 3 resident hiring, and bonding and insurance requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-CHA-107

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated September 15, 2010, entitled “AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH B.E.T.O.N. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR EXTERIOR MASONRY WORK AT ARMOUR SQUARE APARTMENTS (IL2-033);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute a contract with B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company in the amount of \$138,800.00 for exterior masonry work at Armour Square Apartments (IL2-33), 3250 S. Wentworth Ave. Work is to be completed within sixty (60) calendar days of the date set forth in the Notice to Proceed.

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